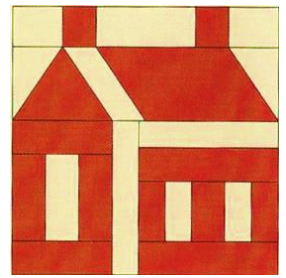


# Allatoona Quilters' Guild



June 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*All start at 10:00*

June 6 - General Meeting ZOOM

June 13 – Sit and Sew ZOOM

June 20 – Executive Board ZOOM – all are welcome

June 27 – Sit and Sew ZOOM

<http://www.aqguild.org/>

[AQG Facebook Page Link](#)

Pay by Zelle  
[AQGbanking@yahoo.com](mailto:AQGbanking@yahoo.com)

## June Program via ZOOM "Everything but the Cotton" Julie McLeod

Julie McLeod will be joining us via Zoom to explore the world of quilts that were made with what she calls 'Not Cottons'.

When quilters don't have access to a stash of quilter's cotton, what do they turn to? Her lecture, trunk show and Q & A session shows quilts – antique and modern – made of wool, silk, polyester and more. The trunk show of her own work shows what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos and other unusual, 'not cotton' textiles.

More information about Julia can be found:

<https://juliamcleodquilts.com/about-me/>



## President's News! Cindy Christenson



**I can't believe it's June!!**

**Can you?!!! Where did winter go?**

**Oh well, I'm glad summer is almost here! I was running out of my stored nuts!**

Things are getting green, and my hydrangeas are starting to bloom. They had a hard time after the 2<sup>nd</sup> snap of winter hit them! I love my Hydrangeas. I have one that I really want to see bloom this year. It's a lace cap hydrangea and is a red one. I've had it for a couple of years and moved it back in the winter as it really hasn't done well over the past couple of years.

Are you getting those UFOs done? I'm sure trying to get mine worked on, to get just a little closer to completion. Maybe not a whole project to a completed state but at least getting things accomplished. That's better than not working on them at all. I like having to be accountable to a purpose or someone so UFO challenges have worked out well to finish up "some" of my undone projects. And I have a lot more that need to be worked on! Why does it seem most quilters just can't resist getting a new project when we have so many already started? I know I have a hard time saying NO to another new project. They are just so pretty. How about you?

I'm looking forward to our upcoming speakers even though on Zoom.

Speaking of Zoom, if you have never joined us on a Zoom meeting try it out either June or July. It's not hard and if you need help, please just call or email and I'll try to walk you through it. Zoom has been a great asset to the guild over the past couple of years.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the meeting in June.

Oh, one last thing, please be thinking about next year taking part as an officer or a committee chair. We need you to keep our guild, the greatest guild ever! Being involved is the best way to get to know the other guild members.



## Vice President's News Sarah Craighead



Did you enjoy learning from the eighteen nationally known teachers as they talked about a variety of techniques and projects during the All Star Virtual Sampler Platter? So far I've heard from 19 of you that attended the live presentation or watched it later. Most of you thought the presentations were interesting and that it was money well spent. Did you get some ideas for your VP Challenge Quilt? If you did not answer the survey, I'd love to hear from you to find out if you enjoyed what you saw. Just go to <https://forms.gle/QfGdAJRjEsmheu68A> and fill out the very short survey!

Our UFO Number for May was #8. Please send me a photograph at [shirecraig@yahoo.com](mailto:shirecraig@yahoo.com) (along with a copy to Kim at [motherboom@aol.com](mailto:motherboom@aol.com) for the powerpoint) before the meeting since we will be meeting on zoom in June.

We have 5 months before your VP Challenge Quilt for 2023: "Your Origin Story" is due. I hope you are working hard on it and have some great projects to share. Remember that we have some upcoming programs that you will not want to miss that can give you some awesome ideas for your project! Here are just a few ideas that I pulled off of Pinterest if you need some oomph to get you started. <https://pin.it/2SDiIL6> Remember that you have to use at least 3 techniques in your final project.

Happy Quilting!

### Antique & Vintage Bed Turning

THANKS to all who volunteered to participate in the May antique & vintage bed turning. The 'bed turning' was a huge success due to your participation.

Leigh Ann and Barbara

## Webmistress/Show and Tell Kim Ayers

For the June meeting, please send pictures by Friday June 2.

Email Kim at [motherboom@aol.com](mailto:motherboom@aol.com)

- In subject line please write "AQG June pictures".
- You can send more than 1 photo per email
- Include the name of the pattern, fabric line, quilter or any other info. Also tell the size if you want an Award, greater than 300" qualifies for a pin.
- Tell whether it is show and tell, comfort quilt, BOM block, bear, etc.
- Photos will be uploaded to website after the meeting unless you tell her otherwise



## Plastic Bank and Aurifil—Making an Impact

Submitted by Leigh Ann Kloefkorn

Perhaps another reason to use Aurifil threads...



In January 2019, Aurifil Threads partnered with the Plastic Bank, a non-profit social enterprise headquartered in Canada, which aims to clean up plastic waste from our oceans while providing valuable opportunities for people living in poverty.

Quilters, sewists, and crafters use millions of yards of thread every year to create quilts, garments, accessories, and other works of art. As most weights of Aurifil thread are wound on a plastic spool, this usage generates a high level of excess plastic. While they encourage traditional recycling and creative repurposing of spools, they also know that something more needs to be done. We have all seen the devastation in our oceans, growing year after year, and understand that such a high level of destruction will ultimately have an irreversible effect.

This partnership with and support of the Plastic Bank will allow Aurifil to offset their average yearly plastic production rate of 17,636 lbs. This means that their involvement will support the collection and clearing of that much plastic from our oceans in areas of Haiti, Indonesia, The Philippines, and Brazil. The Plastic Bank acts as a convenience store for the world's poor that accepts plastic waste as a currency. This recycling ecosystem is sustained through the sale and use of Social Plastic® -- reprocessed ocean-bound plastic feedstock that is transformed and reintroduced into the global supply chain.

These efforts render Aurifil plastic-neutral, and they are excited to both give back to our earth while helping to create and promote positive work opportunities for people living in those key areas.

---excerpted from Vol 10 Issue 1 2023 Block Idea Book, Aurifil.com, and plasticbank.com

## Membership

Lee Ann Wharton

We have 85 members.

## 2022 'Ruby' block exchange

Barbara Means

If you participated in the 2022 'ruby' (red and white) block exchange and won a set of blocks, the big reveal for your quilt (or quilt top) is set for November 2023. Looking forward to seeing your beautiful red and white quilts.

## Community Service

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Vicki Evaristo, Jill Kirkland

RCFS - CHOA Camp pillowcase delivery

A delivery of pillowcases was made to CHOA for the upcoming 'board game' themed summer camps. A big 'thanks' to AQQ members who made such a delivery possible.



May is coming to an end and June is upon us. June, the sixth month of the year is the second of four months to have 30 days, and the third of five months to have a length of less than 31 days; say that fast five times. It is also considered the beginning of summer; the days are longer, the temps are rising and the insects are everywhere. It is also means we have 6 months before our December comfort quilt donation to the Acworth Police Dept. On May 30, Chief Evans and some members of the Acworth Police Dept. stopped by our Community Service Sew-in. They picked up 32 police bears and dogs to carry in their cruisers. I still have some bear kits available. If you have not made a bear, here is your chance to make a child smile when they cuddle their own police bear. Thank you for your support of AQQ Community Service. Wishing you a wonderful day of sewing.

Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means (pillowcases), and Jill Kirkland (kitty beds)

Year-to- Date (as of 5/2/23)

Comfort Quilts - 82

Pillowcases - 444

Kitty Beds - 141

## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY!

6/ 3: Pat Isenburg  
6/ 8 Mary Shubert  
6/ 8 Shirley Fidler  
6/15 Sylvia Lutz  
6/17 Judy Cobb  
6/19 Arlena Hickman  
6/21 Cindy Christenson  
6/25 Nancy Draheim  
6/27 Judy Ozburn  
6/27 Debbie Winstead



# Chocolaty Pretzel and Peanut Cookie Bars

(brought to Special Projects by Leigh Ann)

- 1 1/4 sticks unsalted butter, melted, plus more for the pan
- 5 1/2 cups salted mini pretzels twists or squares
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/3 cups lightly salted dry roasted peanuts
- 12 oz. bittersweet chocolate (preferably 61 % cacao), coarsely chopped—about 1 cup

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter a 9 x 13-inch baking pan and line with parchment leaving a 1" overhang on long sides. Butter parchment.

Place 4 1/2 cups pretzels in a food processor and pulse until texture resembles coarse cornmeal. Transfer to a bowl and stir in sugar and butter until well combined. Transfer to pan, spreading evenly, and pack down flat with the bottom of a measuring cup. Drizzle condensed milk evenly over crust. Sprinkle evenly with peanuts, chocolate, and remaining 1 cups pretzels, gently pressing them into milk.

Bake until chocolate melts and condensed milk bubbles and becomes golden, 20-22 minutes. Cool

completely in pan on a wire rack, then refrigerate until chocolate is set, about 30 min. Run a paring knife between bars and short sides of pan. Using parchment overhangs, transfer to a cutting board. Cut into 20 squares. Tote to a quilting day and prepare for recipe requests.

My notes:

I used bittersweet chocolate chips instead of baking chocolate. They don't melt into a chocolate glaze, but they do taste just as good!

The original recipe calls for lightly salted cocktail peanuts, but I had dry roasted on hand, and I tend to not enjoy the peanut skins so much.

I think you could cut down, or even omit, the sugar in the pretzel layer. There is plenty of sweetness elsewhere and I like the balance of sweet and salty.

This is a modification of a recipe found in the Jan/Feb 2014 issue of Martha Stewart Living.

Enjoy!

Leigh Ann Kloefkorn



# AQG Block of the Month – June

## Danielle Morgan

**See note at bottom of pattern before doing any cutting.**

### Fabric 1: Dark Gray

- 4 2-1/2" squares for Corners
- 8 3" squares for HST
- 4 3-3/8" squares for Square-in-Square (SIS)

### Fabric 2: Light Gray

*FYI: Looking at my finished block, I wish I had chosen a less busy light gray.*

- 1 4-1/2" 1 for Center square
- 4 4" for SIS (this should be generous to cut block to size when finished)

### Fabric 3: White

- 4 2-1/2" for Corners
- 4 3" squares for HST
- 4 4" for SIS (this should be generous to cut block to size when finished)



### Directions:

Draw diagonal lines on four WHITE 3" squares.

Match four WHITE squares with four DARK GRAY 3" squares.

Sew 1/4" seams on either side of the WHITE drawn lines.

Cut each set on the line and press seams to the dark side.

Trim all eight 2-1/2" HST

Make 4 four-patch blocks of 2-1/2" squares:

- |         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| 1 WHITE | 1 HST       |
| 1 HST   | 1 DARK GRAY |

You will be making four Square-in-Square blocks with two sides WHITE and two sides LIGHT GRAY. Cut 4" blocks in half diagonally.

I have included two links, the first gives you four different ways to make these blocks. The second link is the Deb Tucker technique.

The important thing is that your square in squares end up being 4-1/2" square.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NI6gBjYfug>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrNiGcMCJ5M&t=81s>

Lay out and assemble your block.



**NOTE:** Of course, you could always make 16 HST and piece them together to LOOK like a Square-in-Square. In that case you will need:

- 8 DARK GRAY 3" squares
- 4 LIGHT GRAY 3" squares
- 4 WHITE 3" squares

# Allatoona Quilt Guild General Meeting

## May 2, 2023

### **Welcome and Announcements** - Cindy Christenson

Opened Meeting @ 9:59 am

Any first time Guests?

Joe Phillips- Sewing Machine Repair

Karen Gilbreath; Jan Sheppard; Vickie Neilson and Sally Brock

Approval of Last Month's General Meeting Minutes:

Approved by Kim Ayers and Seconded Carolyn Shea

### **Birthdays for this month** - Cindy

Happy Birthday to all!

5/ 1 Barbara Means

5/ 5 Sue Zabel

5/13 Suzie Callender

5/15 Sue Bennett

5/20 Debbie Davies

5/23 Kim Ayers

5/25 Robin Ranallo

5/27 Patsy Stripling

5/28 Carolyn Shea

### **Programs** - Sarah Craighead

June: ZOOM: Julia McCloud "Anything but Cotton"

July: ZOOM: Mary Kay "Historian of the 1933 World's Fair Quilt Show"

August: Member Up-Cycle Trunk Show

September: Red Top Reveal

November: VP Challenge

UFO Drawing for next Month's project #8

### **Budget Report** - Sue Zabell

Current Budget : Checking: \$8,395.10, Savings: \$5,335.59

### **Name Tag Drawing: Lee Ann Wharton/Cindy**

Carolyn Shea won the fat quarter this month.

### **Committee Chair Reports** (Don't forget to See the Newsletter Articles for other updates)

### **Community Service** - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means

Next In Person CS Day is May 30; bring projects, lunch and a snack to share.

Quilts to date: 75. Pillowcases 444. 141 Kitty Beds.



## General Meeting minutes continued

**Membership** - Lee Ann Wharton/Cindy  
Current Membership: 85

**Sit and Sew** - Zoom (Kate McKenney)  
Next In Person will be May 23 which will be a Special Projects Day.  
Last Sit n Sew there were 19

**Special Projects** - Melinda Fulkerson/Lynda Smith  
Cushions were made at the last Special Projects. Melinda donated a cushion for door prize.  
Daryl will be teaching a portable design board at the next Special Projects. Reminder will be sent out for supplies needed.

**Sunshine** - Becky Lynn

Barbie Richardson- fell and broke her hip.  
Susan Carroll- cards can be sent.  
Diane Chestnut – surgery on May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Arlena and Lenny are doing alright  
Caroline's Sister-chemo is working

***Program: Antique Bed Turning of members antique quilts***

***Show and Tell***

**UFO'S 13 were shown.**

**Make sure you've signed for your Show and Tell Item(s)**

***Door Prizes*** - Nancy Klump/ Jill Kirkland

**Close: 11:48 am** - Cindy Christenson

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary

# Allatoona Quilters' Guild Executive Board

## May 16, 2023 via Zoom

### **President** - Cindy Christenson

Opened meeting @10:05 am, Welcome

Start thinking about new officers or Committee Chair for 2024

### **Treasurer's Report** - Sue Zabell/Cindy

**Checking - \$8,445.10** (Actual balance \$7,595.10)

**Savings - \$5,335.63**

The amount made for Kim's fabric sale is \$885.

The checkbook balance is so much lower because the checks have been written for the summer speakers.

### **Vice President** - Sarah Craighead

VP Challenge- November reveal

UFO for June #8 Be sure to send pictures to Kim and to Sarah

Virtual Sampler Platter Survey – 22 responded 19 participated and 14 watched at least 16 of the speakers

### **Programs** (Barbara Means, Leigh Ann Kloefkorn) Not present

June- Zoom – Julia McCloud “Anything but Cotton”

July- Zoom – Mary Kay “Historian of the 1933 World’s Fair Quilt Show”

August- Membership Up-Cycle Trunk Show

September – Red Top Reveal

### **Committee Chair Reports**

**Community Service** - Carolyn Shea, Barbara Means, Jill Kirkland

Next In Person Community Service is May 30

**BOM** - Danielle Morgan

See Newsletter for instructions.

Sending next 3 blocks to Sue McBride for upcoming Newsletters.

I have planned for 2024 BOM.

Cindy asked Tina Cline if she was interested in doing BOM of her Feathered Star Quilt for 2024 BOM. Will reach out to Tina to see if she wants to do the BOM.

**Sunshine** - Becky Lynn

Barbie Richardson – Fell and broke her hip.

Susan Carroll – cards can be sent

Diane Chestnut – had back surgery, is now at home.

Carol Bobar – Prayers; fell and broke several bones in her back and pelvis. She's in Rehab facility; the email with that address was sent out.

Sue Baumgartel – Granddaughter Madison in ICU for DKA

Daryl Miller – Husband is having back surgery May 17

Danielle Morgan – June 9 will be having brain surgery at Piedmont Hospital

**Membership** - Lee Ann Wharton/Cindy

Currently 85

**Sit-N-Sew** - Kate McKenney

May 23 In Person (Special Projects)

**Special Projects** - Melinda Fulkerson/Lynda Smith

Design Board being taught by Daryl Miller, supplies were posted in May newsletter.

Daryl showed what the foam core board looks like.

**Red Top 2024** - Daryl Miller/ Kate McKenney

Continuing to work on it. Still looking at theme for 2024.

**Awards** - Vicki Evaristo

No report.

**Newsletter-Due Date** - Sue McBride

Friday May 26; Send Sue anything you want in the Newsletter

Newsletter goes out Thursday or Friday before the General Meetings

**Food Pantry** - Treasurer

Sue sent a check to the food bank for \$72.62

**Webmaster** - Kim Ayers

June 23 from 3-7pm Mostly Mutts Sale

**Birthday Club** - Debbie Loizzo

Sent cards out to those early June Birthdays.

**Zoom** - Kate McKenney

Working on the problems for this meeting.

Close Meeting @10:36 am

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Trapanese, Secretary